

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] When a reference travel is started, shift finger 24 can move laterally in the direction of the N-gap, or in other words the neutral gap, and at the same time can probe periodically upward and downward until a resistance becomes detectable. In Figure 1, lateral movement is indicated by arrow 26, while upward and downward movement is indicated by first bi-directional arrow 28. Once this resistance is eliminated, then shift finger 24 can be moved upward over the entire neutral gap width, i.e., through gap 25, and an opposite reference point can possibly be reached. The direction of selection can thus be adjusted. The concluding adjustment in the gearshift direction, for example, can be performed in recess 30 that is specially provided for this purpose. After referencing, ~~e.g., moving shift finger 24 within recess 30 according to second bi-directional arrow 32,~~ the shift finger again returns to its position prior to the reference travel.